

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT ON U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNITS

In addition to the prohibited acts listed on pages xi-xii, the following information and additional restrictions, apply to hunters and those accompanying hunters on U.S. Forest Service Units. In instances where these additional restrictions and rules appearing elsewhere are in conflict, these additional restrictions will prevail.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND ACCESS

- Only hunters are required to possess the \$48 APH Permit.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Units are: Unit 901 (Caddo Grasslands), Unit 902 (Moore Plantation), Unit 903 (Bannister), Unit 904 (Alabama Creek), and Unit 905 (Sam Houston National Forest).
- Boundaries of USFS units are marked with wildlife management area signs and trees clearly marked with RED paint blazes. The maps in this Map Booklet are the only maps of public hunting lands that TPWD provides. **These maps are the only maps that indicate the hunting areas and designated roads that the permit holder has access.** Maps purchased from the USFS include private roads that are **not** included in your access as a permit holder.
- The USFS has implemented and created a new Motor Vehicle Use Map for each of their properties. Visit this website for the most current map containing roads available for motor vehicle use. www.fs.usda.gov/texas/
- All hunters and those accompanying them in the field during daylight hours are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange with at least 144 square inches appearing on both the chest and back at all times; additionally, wearing hunter orange headwear is required. Those exempt from wearing hunter orange are individuals hunting furbearers or predators at night, wild turkey during the spring season, doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, or other migratory game birds. All National Forest and Grassland visitors are encouraged to wear daylight fluorescent orange when pursuing recreational activities during the fall/winter hunting seasons.
- Individuals may not discharge a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property as follows: (1) In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or (2) Across or on a National Forest System road or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result in such discharge.
- A Special Use Permit issued by the USFS is required to conduct paid guide services on USFS lands.
- The U.S Forest Service performs various habitat management activities including prescribed fire during the year. The Forest Service is not responsible for stands/blinds damaged or destroyed by such management activities. For more information contact the local USFS office.

ANTLERLESS DEER PERMITS

- You must be in possession of a USFS Antlerless Deer Permit to take antlerless deer during the general season on Units 902, 903, 904, and 905, that are wildlife management areas jointly managed by TPWD and the USFS.
- USFS antlerless deer permits are not required during the Archery Only, Youth Only, or an established Muzzleloader Only season on USFS units.
- The USFS offers a limited number of permits to hunt antlerless deer during the general open season on Alabama Creek WMA, Bannister WMA, Moore Plantation WMA and Sam Houston National Forest WMA. **Hunters wishing to apply for antlerless permits must apply online at www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawn hunts.** Only one application per hunter allowed. Adult and youth permits are available. There will be a drawing in the first week of October to select a limited number of antlerless deer permits. Only winners will be notified. Postcard and email applications will no longer be accepted by the U.S. Forest Service or TPWD Austin Headquarters.

MANDATORY DEER CHECK STATION

In order for the USFS units to obtain valuable harvest information, all deer harvested on certain days must be checked at a designated deer check station and receive a metal harvest tag. Deer must be field dressed prior to check-in. See unit maps for more information on when check stations will be open.

ATVS AND HORSEBACK RIDING

- There is only one designated OHV trail on the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas and that is the Multiple Use Trail located in the Sam Houston National Forest. The Sam Houston National Forest offers 85 miles of multiple-use trails which may be utilized by registered Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs). ATVs are prohibited on all other units. Information on ATVs and OHVs on the Forest may be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/activity/texas/recreation/ohv
- There are no special riding provisions or exemptions for disabled persons on U.S. Forest Service lands.
- Recreational horseback riding is allowed on all USFS units year-round.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT ON U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNITS (CONTINUED)

VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON FOREST SERVICE UNITS – MOTOR VEHICLE USE MAPS (MVUM)

The MVUM is a requirement of the Travel Management Final Rule and reflects travel management decisions on each forest. The MVUM displays National Forest System (NFS) routes (roads and trails) or areas designated open to motorized travel. The MVUM also displays allowed uses by vehicle class (highway-legal vehicles, vehicles less than 50 inches wide and motorcycles), seasonal allowances and provides information on other travel rules and regulations. Routes not shown on the MVUM are not open to public motor vehicle travel. Routes designated for motorized use may not always be signed on the ground but will be identified on the MVUM. It will be the public's responsibility to reference the MVUM to determine designated routes for motor vehicle use. The MVUM will be updated annually to correct mapping errors or discrepancies and update travel decisions. The MVUM is a black and white map with no topographic features. It is not a stand alone map and is best used in conjunction with a Forest Visitor Map. The MVUM is free to the public at each local Ranger District office and at the Supervisor's Office. The MVUM list is also available for download and sections of these maps may be printed from your home computer. Visit the National Forest and Grasslands in Texas homepage www.fs.usda.gov/texas and click on the Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) link located on the right side of the page under "Quick Links."

CAMPING

Camping is restricted to developed campgrounds, designated hunt camps, and designated camp sites only from one day prior to the start of the Archery Season until one day after the end of the General Gun Season. During other times, persons may camp elsewhere in the USFS units in compliance with orders of the Forest Supervisor.

ROADS CLOSURES AND PARKING ON THE UNITS

Some USFS unit roads may be closed to vehicular traffic on a seasonal basis. As a permit holder, you retain the right to walk into the unit and utilize it for authorized activities although access may temporarily be less convenient.

NOTICE: Some portions of the U.S. Forest Service units are designated as "Wilderness Areas" and prohibit use of motorized vehicles, except for wheelchairs if designed solely for use by a mobility impaired person for locomotion, that are suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian areas.

DO NOT BLOCK roads, gates, trails, or entrances to service roads with parked vehicles. Be sure that your parked vehicle does not impede the flow of traffic or present a safety hazard. Your vehicle may be ticketed or even towed if necessary to allow emergency access.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A NATIONAL FOREST

Visit the USFS website or contact the following offices:

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936/639-8501

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